

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 1644**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SETTE *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/350,401

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For: **Inducing Cellular Immune
Responses to Hepatitis B Virus
Using Peptide Compositions
(as amended)**

Confirmation No.: 8008

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 11, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment and Reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net

addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.
19-0036.